

Good morning, my name is Arthur Mazeau. I am currently and have been since 1975 a resident of the Evergreen Mobile Home Park, in Clinton, Ct. As a resident of this park, I have watched rents crawl up for the past 48 years. While I watched, my park changed hands a few times and each time ownership changed, the rents continued to climb.

I have bought 3 different homes in this same park; my current home was bought 32 years ago. All my homes have been paid off and been owned solely by me. As a homeowner, you would think that having your home paid off would bring relief and comfort to your life. But due to the rising rental costs there is never a time when you can feel comfortable. With every rental increase, and every year, you worry about runaway rent, how will you ever sell your home?

The rent was \$43 per month when I bought my first home. My rent is now \$762.50. Understand my concern, if I am to sell my home, which I plan on this spring, I worry that I will have an awfully hard time getting a buyer, because the rent plus a mortgage, will put my home out of reach for so many families.

I feel as though I spent 48 years paying for the privilege of losing most of my homes value over the last 32 years.

It was always considered a decent idea, "Affordable Housing for America"! But after the corporate buyouts there was never a good time to sell. Conditions deteriorated year after year with the infrastructure, but never got fixed, yet rent rose every year.

Did I waste my life to leave nothing for my children? It sure feels that way!

Let's put a stop to corporate greed, and make sure that if there is a rent increase, they put a good percentage back into the infrastructure, or they will be denied! I am tired of being a cash-cow to some group of people that do nothing for me for my hard-earned money.

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